



ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1731

PATENT
Customer Number 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 2734.442-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Steven L. EDWARDS

Serial No.: 09/987,248

Filed: November 14, 2001

For: METHOD FOR MAXIMIZING
WATER REMOVAL IN A
PRESS NIP

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: J. Fortuna

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002, please amend the
application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 52, 53, 72, 73, and 85-87 as follows:

52. (Amended) An apparatus for forming an absorbent paper sheet product
comprising:

a moving foraminous endless fabric;

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